



The USWHBA "Pony Express"

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Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the USWHBA newsletter. We have been very busy since our last newsletter in June and we would like to share with you what we have been doing.

◆ **Rick's Saddle Shop Mustang Weekend:**

On Saturday July 31st and Sunday August 1st Ricks hosted a Mustang sale. We had 4 Mustangs available for sale, (Cheyenne, Allie, Lady Hawk, and Tess), and one Mustang available for adoption (Molly). Cheyenne was re homed on Saturday and Allie was re homed a few days later and is now with one of Rick's employees. We also used this event to promote the BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoption that was held at the Sussex County New Jersey Fair Grounds September 10th and 11th. We thank all the people who came to meet us and the Mustangs.

We want to thank our members and trainers for helping us: Emilie, Kristen, Jess, Salina, Katie, Renee, Sam. Dr. Ralston, Sarah, Karen, Caitlin, Amy, and Debbie.

We especially thank Rick Wills, Charlie O'Brien, and the staff of Rick's Saddle Shop for their continuing support of our organization and the BLM adoption program.

◆ **The New Jersey State Fair:**

We continued in August with our booth at the state fair which ran from Friday August 6th to Sunday August 15th. The fair is held at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta NJ. We were there promoting the wild ones and the September adoption, and our Wild Horse and Burro only fun. The fair also gives us an opportunity to educate the public about the BLM adoption program, why it is necessary, and to dispel many of the myths and untruths surrounding the roundups, adoptions, and the trainability of the Mustangs and Burros.

We are also pleased to announce that "Lady Hawk" and "Tess" were re homed thru our booth at the fair.

We would like to thank all our members who were able to work at the booth for the fair this year. Liz, Ramona, Gracie, Sandy, Jan, Karen, and a special thank you to Cynthia for pitching in when a member had slight mishap with her car.

We would also like to thank the Sussex County Fairgrounds Committee for inviting us back again this year.

◆ **BLM Adoption and USWHBA Fun Show:**

We were back at the Sussex County fair Grounds on September 10th and 11th for the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Adoption and our Wild Horse and Burro only fun show. 17 Mustangs and Burros were adopted. Robin Rivello's foster Mustang filly "Molly" was also adopted at this event, along with 8 Mustangs transported to Rutgers University, for the Young Horse Teaching and Research Program, under Dr. Sarah Ralston. The Rutgers horses will be available on May 1, 2011. 6 are for Sale and 2 are for adoption under the BLM foster program. You can visit the Rutgers horses and see their progress from our Web-sites "Rutgers University Mustangs" page at http://www.uswhba.org/rutgers_university_mustangs

The fun show was very successful. We had 18 competitors and 15 Mustangs participating in various in-hand and mounted events including English, Western, and Games. Many of the participants came from out of state, and the horses ranged in age from recently adopted young Mustangs to older seasoned veterans. A great time was had by all. We are very proud of the young horses as this show was their first experience in such a setting. For some of them it was the first time they had left their farms since being adopted. The show also gave potential adopters the opportunity to see trained Mustangs in action, and talk to the owners and trainers. To see the photos of the fun show go to <http://www.uswhba.org/funshow>

We would like to thank the Sussex County Fair Grounds for allowing us to hold our show at their facility. We thank the BLM Eastern States Milwaukee Field Office for allowing us to use our show to promote the adoption of these fantastic animals. We thank Pat Young for donating the proceeds from her snack table to our organization. Thanks to Tiffany Kunz and Liz Walsh for judging the show. Thanks to Karen Wagenhoffer, Doreen Wassil, Pat Young, for working at our information table. And of course, thanks to all the competitors and their horses. We hope to see all of you again at our next show in June of 2011.

◆ **Equine Affaire, Springfield Massachusetts:**

Wednesday November 10th. thru Thursday, November 13, 2011 at the Eastern States Exposition. The Bureau of Land Management had a booth in the breed pavilion promoting the "Adopt a Wild Horse or Burro Program". The booth was under the direction of BLM Eastern States Wild Horse and Burro Specialist Steve Meyer from the Milwaukee Wisconsin Field Office. The booth was staffed by BLM volunteers including several of our members and Treasurer Kim Dore. The volunteer staffers brought their Mustangs and Burros to show at the booth on a rotating schedule throughout the event. They participated in the "Parade of Breeds", as well as demonstrations and clinics. The booth at Equine Affaire also provided another venue to educate the public about the adoption

program and the need to round up animals in overpopulated or unsustainable herd management areas.

USWHBA member and BLM volunteer Cynthia Mickle had this to say about Equine Affaire. "The BLM volunteers at Equine Affaire were there to speak to people about the versatility of the Mustangs and how wonderful they are for every discipline. Steady and sensible trail companions. In general very smart. We talked about the gentling process thru the foster program, (we are not allowed to specifically mention any groups or organizations), that enable timid or inexperienced trainers to successfully adopt, post training, and have a great horse! I stressed on more than one occasion that I think the mustangs, once gentled make very sensible trail mounts for people of all ages as they remain calm and cool...not flaky in my experience. We told our adoption stories and the people really were very interested and surprised how easy the adoption process is and the low cost of adopting! They were very surprised!"

Equine Affaire is also held in Pamona California February 3rd thru the 6th 2011, and in Columbus Ohio April 7th thru the 10th 2011. You can visit Equine Affaire online at <http://equineaffaire.com>

◆ **Other points of interest:**

We have extended the "Win a weekend at Halls Brook House" in Groton New Hampshire raffle to July 18th 2011. Entries must be received on or before July 18th 2011. The drawing will be held August 1st and the winner will be notified by August 8th. Raffle tickets are now 10 for \$10.00 for USWHBA members, and 5 for \$10.00 for non members. Information and tickets are available on our Web-site home page at <http://www.uswhba.org>

We have redesigned the official USWHBA animal registration certificate. It now contains an updated logo on the front, and the back it contains more detailed information about the registered horse or burro. The certificates are printed in color on high quality heavy stock and are suitable for framing. You can view the new registration certificate on our Web-site at http://www.uswhba.org/join_uswhba_register_your_wild_equine

All the forms on our Web-site for registering animals, membership applications, and making donations, now have Treasurer Kim Dore's address on them. Vice President Hans Shull is taking a sabbatical due to work constraints.

At the present time there are 3 titled mustangs in need of homes. In New Jersey there is Cassanova (USWHBA registered RU Cassanova) from the Rutgers University Young Horse Teaching and Research Program 2010. In Connecticut there is Sabbath, a 4 year old gray gelding from Nevada available thru our treasurer Kim Dore. Oliver in Pennsylvania, he is a 10 year old Sorrel gelding from Nevada, and 2 other geldings in Pennsylvania, a 6 and 7 year old, Nevada and Arrow. If you are interested in Casanova, Oliver, Nevada or Arrow, contact Robin Rivello. If you are interested in Sabbath, contact Kim Dore. Robin and Kim can be contacted thru our Web-sites [http://www.uswhba.org/talk to the directors](http://www.uswhba.org/talk_to_the_directors) page.

Our Public Relations Director Lisa Holderby's mom passed away the end of July. She asked for all donations in her mothers name be made to the USWHBA. Lisa's co-workers made a very generous donation and Lisa herself made a very generous donation to the organization from her mother's estate. She said her mom was the reason she has her mustang Soleil, who she also wrote a book about, "Soleil A Mustang's Story", which is available on our web site, at our online store. Her mother encouraged her to pursue the dream of having a wild mustang of her own. The following is from Lisa in honor of her mom.



Mother knew how much it meant to me to have this horse (Soleil), so she sent this card with a girl riding a horse on the cover.

Inside the card read: "Lisa" I love you more than words can say. I hope your enjoy your horse and get everything you need and be careful not to break any bones.

The extra money I needed inside for my wild mustang, a check made out to me and in memo it said "Lisa's wild mustang"

Love Always,
"Mother"

But more important this is what struck my heart. There was an old newspaper clipping that she had saved for years, it was yellow and its edges worn.

It read:

A CREED TO LIVE BY

Don't underestimate your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Don't set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

Don't let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past or for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you will live all the days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it's impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give love; the fastest way to lose love is to hold to it too tightly; and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your dreams; to be without dreams is to be without hope; to be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you've been, but also where you're going.

Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each and every step of the way